

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a process for preparation of an alicyclic diepoxide of general formula (I) depicted in claim 1;

Group II, claims 6-10, drawn to a composition comprising the alicyclic diepoxide of general formula (I), a thermal cationic or photocationic polymerization initiator, and an optional additional epoxy resin;

Group III, claims 11-15, drawn to a composition comprising the alicyclic diepoxide of general formula (I), a curing agent, and, optionally, a curing accelerator, inorganic filler and/or an additional epoxy resin;

Group IV, claims 16-21, drawn to a stabilizer for an electrical insulating oil comprising the alicyclic diepoxide of general formula (I);

Group V, claim 22, drawn to an electrical insulating oil comprising an insulating oil ingredient and the alicyclic diepoxide of general formula (I);

Group VI, claims 23-29, drawn to a casting composition comprising the alicyclic diepoxide of general formula (I), an acid anhydride a curing accelerator and an inorganic filler.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5.

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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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